

Fast Food Fax

APR 19, 2004

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Breast items were fully sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat items were adequate. Wings were well cleared. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection
Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Apr. 03, 2004**

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	26,303	23,744	43,048	93,095
Percentage	28%	26%	46%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,816	4.10
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,768	7.27
3.81 – 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	8,544	9.18
4.01 – 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	7,175	7.71
		26,303	28.26

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Feb 14	207,625	103	166,259	100	204,376	102	168,328	104	152,505	99
Feb 21	208,416	102	166,648	101	207,299	102	168,398	102	152,287	100
Feb 28	209,927	102	168,074	103	205,527	103	166,769	103	152,700	100
Mar 06	209,447	101	169,251	102	206,014	102	166,529	102	153,459	100
Mar 13	210,020	102	170,462	102	205,547	101	165,515	100	157,179	102
Mar 20	209,673	102	171,496	101	206,529	101	168,098	101	153,006	97
Mar 27	210,955	103	172,440	102	206,764	102	168,937	102	152,749	100
Apr 03	211,195	100	172,271	103	205,540	100	167,265	101	152,052	100
Apr 10	212,939	102	171,566	102	204,460	100	167,390	102	150,462	99

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 04/19/04

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-77	76.04	76.42	52.24
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	72-75	74.29	73.87	50.37
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	80	79.73	79.68	67.41
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		76.53	76.00	57.61
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 74.75)		73.49	73.32	62.31
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		71.44	71.49	45.42

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
	04/16/04	04/16/04	04/19/04
Breast – B/S	216.90	215.85	227.50
Tenderloins	211.19	239.59	257.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	115.46	117.91	123.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	33.22	30.74	34.50
Wings	124.13	124.24	130.50